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COLONEL BAINES' LECTURE.

Last Wednesday night there was a large crowd of students and campus people out to hear Colonel George W. Baines lecture. His subject was "Among the Masses, or the Traits of Human Character."

His lecture was filled with splendid advice, and with many illustrations of how the surroundings and environments help to mould the ideas and thoughts of the people in different sections of the country.

He mixed several good anecdotes

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dotes long in his talk that brought down the house with great laughter.

One joke, in particular, seemed to please the audience very much. As usual it was on the natural wit of an Irishman. As the story goes, a gentleman was on the train carrying a monkey in a cage. An Irishman wished to know the nationality of the monkey. The gentleman replied "He is part ape and part Irish." The Irishman responded, "Well, he is kin to both of us."

He said there were two dark pictures that hung upon the horizon of the universe. One is how people marry in this day and time without possessing that pure bond of love that unites two hearts that should beat as one. The other picture is the way city politics is carried on.

He pointed out the fact that we all are too ready to judge people by a few things without weighing the points in favor of or against the person, and arriving at too hasty a conclusion.

He paid a splendid tribute to Hobson and Dewey and spoke of the fact that with all they had done the people were ready to swallow the newspaper stories on them without ever stopping to think whether they were true or false.

He impressed upon the minds of his audience the necessity of pay-

ing attention to little things.

It was truly a treat to hear him, and we feel sure that we can truthfully say the student body and the campus people enjoyed his lecture very much. We hope the grand old Kentucky colonel will live for many years to come and deliver his famous lecture throughout our broad land.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING BUILDING AND SHOPS.

For a college of this size and claiming what it does, it certainly seems as though it should possess a far better mechanical engineering building. The poor little building we now have looks lonesome when compared with some of our buildings of later creation. The blacksmith shop, even though it has been comparatively recently improved upon, is yet far from being what it should be. Each student is dealt out an ordinary blacksmith hammer, which is much the worse for age and wear; a pair of tongs made by students who years ago attended the college; and a stick of iron flatteringly called a poker, with which you are supposed to coax your fire to burn. What grade of work can a student turn out with such tools to handle? In other colleges claiming what this one does, they give each student several different kinds of hammers, tongs, chisels and other tools which help him to turn out a specimen of shop work of which he and his college would be proud.

They also have up-to-date section rooms, models of various machines and engines, laboratories, engineering books for reference, and all the requirements for a thorough mechanical engineering education. To be sure we have an engineering magazine or two and a few books of a like nature in our library (library?) and a few small models of perhaps a water faucet and a bolt in the mechanical engineering building; but that is all, and what good do they do?

Often times a cadet has to miss two or three weeks shop practice for the mere reason that there is not a forge or a machine upon which he may work. You never find that state of affairs in other colleges of a similar size and reputation. They say it is not the fault of the college officials, but that of the state legislature in failing to give us the required amount for such improvements. If so, why not, when making application for the sum to make those improvements with, make it so emphatic that the members of the legislature would wake to the fact and would donate us the money for a new building and shops, feeling ashamed that they had allowed the old A. and M. to linger so long with such an excuse for a mechanical building.

FROM AN A. & M. STUDENT.

Shreveport, La., Nov. 21, '04.
Mr. R. L. Durst.

Dear Bruno—I am enclosing an express money order for \$1.25, the price, I believe, of a subscription to the Bat.

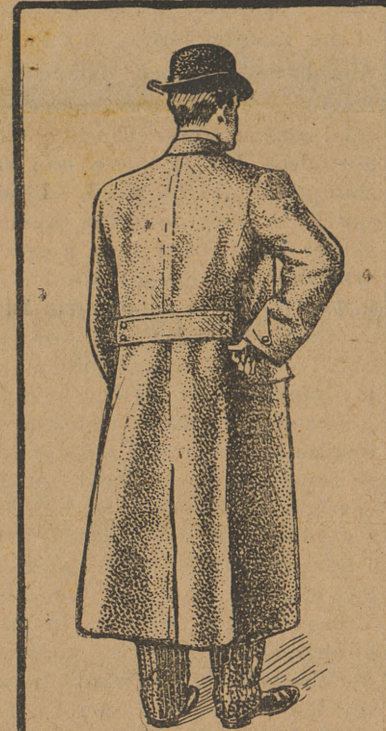
I have read one copy and congratulate you and anyone assisting in the work.

How are you getting along? I certainly wish you and all the boys a pleasant and successful senior year.

Remember me to the boys and oblige your sincere friend,

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BURT NORWOOD

WHAT THE A. AND M. NEEDS MOST.

The greatest need of the A. and M. College at present is a place to bathe. We need not call this place a natatorium for fear that it would resemble the shack we now have in operation.

For winter bathing I would recommend the life-giving waters of College Station to any one who wishes to die an awful death. At the first of the week when the pool is first filled up, one can step into the water and easily imagine himself closer to the north pole than any of his ancestors ever were. Later in the week you can step into that same water, but you do not go down any farther than your ankles on account of its great density. Perhaps you wish to wet yourself entirely and put a bale of cotton on your head to sink you. You are then driven into bottomless mud, in which you are forced to remain until one of your friends can fly to the steam plant and borrow a differential windlass to hoist you out of your predicament. You then repair to the bath tub to wash some of the moss off your person, but the faucets are frozen and you can't turn them. The shower is your last resort, so off you go determined to take your medicine like a man. When you get there you see several youths holding their hands in the icy fluid each trying to summon enough courage to step into it.

Your determination wavers and at last you decide to return to your room and take a sponge bath after taps by the light of your candle and close to your own stove.

A NATATORIUM.

While other improvements are being made in the A. and M. College, the building of a new natatorium should be taken into consideration.

A natatorium is something that is absolutely necessary to preserve the health of the corps of cadets. As it is now, it is a detriment rather than a benefit to their health.

The whole natatorium is in a bad state of dilapidation. The building is old and nearly worn out; the rooms are filthy and illy kept. You almost freeze after taking a bath. As the shower is the only place to bathe, new tubs and water works should be put in, so that more bathers may be accommodated at the same time. Better means of conveying heat to the shower and the tubs ought to be had. In fact, there are no certain things needed; a new natatorium, with the complete requisites of any other natatorium, should be given to this institution at once. It wouldn't require such a great sum to build a new one, and if the legislature will not appropriate enough to erect one, I'm almost sure the cadets would be willing to contribute enough among themselves.